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1. There is a prison for political prisoners in Hsingkepu (121-34, 38-53) which is run under Soviet administration. It is believed by the people that many of the prisoners have been executed, as relatives who have been bringing food to the prisoners are often informed that it is no longer necessary to bring food. None of the relatives who have received such notices have ever heard again from prisoners to whom they have brought food.
2. The same courts which were in operation under the Japanese are still functioning: The courts in Hsiaoliuchiat'un (121-27, 38-54) are under Soviet control.
3. The Chinese Communists in the Port Arthur-Dairen area make extensive use of the so-called "Frank Explanation Meeting". If any explanation of a person's activities are required, such a meeting is held. The general public is assembled and the accused is ordered to make a public explanation. If the explanation is unsatisfactory, the individual is imprisoned.
4. Most of the property confiscated from former wealthy individuals in the area has found its way into the hands of Chinese Communist officials and Chinese Communist Army officers.

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